



Search is on for KING KWANZAN

Blossoms of Hope and Howard County Forestry Board seek to crown new CHAMPION TREE



Blossoms of Hope...the Howard County Cherry Tree Project and the Howard County Forestry Board are in search of **the largest Kwanzan Cherry tree in Howard County** to represent the species in the county's Champion Tree registry. The showiest of all cherry trees, the Kwanzan bursts with large, fluffy, pink blossoms resembling mini-carnations in late April. Scientifically named "prunus serrulata," the species is the official tree of Blossoms of Hope, a project that has fostered the planting of over 1,400 of the trees countywide to celebrate spring, beckon visitors and raise cancer awareness.

KING KWANZAN Nomination Form

To evaluate the relative size of a tree, Forestry Board volunteers need to know the girth (circumference of trunk) in inches and the height and crown spread in feet. These are added together to arrive at a number of points for each tree. This number is then used to compare trees that are nominated. The formula is:
 $\text{Trunk Circumference (inches)} + \text{Height (feet)} + 25\% \text{ of the Average Crown Spread (feet)} = \text{TOTAL POINTS}$

Anyone may nominate a tree however, we do need written permission from the tree's owner in order to go on the property to measure and register a tree. Trees on public property usually can be measured and registered without written permission.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Location of tree in Howard County: _____

Estimated Size:

Height: _____ feet Crown Spread Width : _____ feet

Circumference of trunk: (measured at 4.5 feet from the ground) _____ inches

Do you have a story about this tree? _____

Permission from Property owner to measure: (if applicable)

Name: _____ Signature: _____

FAX, Mail or E-mail the above information to:

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